

March 18, 2013

Selectmen's minutes

Selectmen: Richard Carver, Nancy Colson, Linda Post

Present: Diane Harrison, Dave Matthews, Dale Martin

5:00 PM No Public Forum

Linda Post made a motion to accept Warrants, Payroll, March 4, 2013 and March 11, 2013 minutes. Nancy seconded it. All in favor.

Frank Ross said that 4 new people have filled out an application for the fire department. One has been accepted. He also sent a report to the Selectmen (included). The selectmen proceeded to ask questions to Frank about the fire on February 10, 2013 at Frankies garage. They asked Frank why he didn't wear fire fighting gear when he is at a fire? Frank said he does not fight fires anymore. He said that he does not go near the fire. Nancy Colson said he was pretty close the night of Frankie's garage and Frank responded to her saying his coat wasn't even hot. It was also noted that they had to get water from Region 8 hydrant because of the water pressure at the Owls Head School hydrant. Nancy Colson said It was noted that they had people manning the hydrant at the vocational school when the trucks went to get water and that the two people didn't know how to dress it out. He said you don't need to have any one manning it. It is very easy for the person to hook up to the hose to the hydrant. Only a couple of steps. The selectmen said they got several calls why the fire was left unattended at the end. Frank said they let it smolder because of the oil residue. They wanted it to burn up. He said the Fire Marshal was happy they did that. He also said that he went back four times during the night to check on the fire. A neighbor saw him there a couple of times. The fire was contained. The selectmen asked about Mutual Aid. Frank said they do help with Mutual Aid. They help with one section of South Thomaston and one section of Rockland. When they do Rockland, their fire truck sits at the fire station and they can easily be called to help from the Owls Head Fire Station. Richard Carver asked Frank how his health was and Frank said it was fine. Nancy also noted that South Thomaston Fire Department does not think that the Owls Head Fire Department is properly trained. Frank said that they do drills and have training classes as much as they can with their schedule. Frank also said that our guys were very busy that night filling the trucks with water. Last they asked Frank about having Rockland be our fire department. Frank said Rockland doesn't have enough equipment and men to handle both areas and that our fire insurance would go up sky high. The budget committee asked the Selectmen to check into that before they start working on the new budget. Richard Carver is going to call Charlie Jordan and set up an appointment. They asked Frank if he would like to attend. Frank said yes. Frank said that we have

the lowest insurance rate possible for having a volunteer fire department. Frank also said he called the water company about the water pressure. The water company said they have one area that has some bad leaks that they have to fix in Rockland. This would cause the pressure to be down. Also Frank felt they should notify the Town about the problem. The hydrants at the Owls Head School are not designed for fire fighting. They use them to keep the pumper truck filled up but not for a big fire. It was asked about fire ponds and said the museum at one time was going to do one but they hit lots of ledge when doing it.

Conservation Committee asked if they could put stuff on the website about raising money for the village green land. The selectmen were in favor and asked me to check with the Larry and Sue Choate how they want to handle it.

Spring Cleaning has been set for week of April 29, 2013 through May 4, 2013. Nancy Colson made a motion to accept that week, Richard Carver seconded it. All in Favor. We will need to notify Andy at the transfer station to get two extra dumpsters for May 4, 2013 and no commercial haulers that day.

Ken Wexler is running for a position on the Knox County Advisory Committee and needs a letter of recommendation. Richard Carver made a motion at write a letter in favor of Ken Wexler, Nancy seconded it. All in Favor.

Richard Carver made a motion to sign the Septic Waste Agreement contract, Nancy Colson seconded it. All in Favor.

Knox County sent letters out to everyone about joining in for #2 heating oil to get a better discount. Richard Carver made a motion that Owls Head participate in the 2013/2014 Heating Oil Contract with the County. Nancy Colson seconded it. All in Favor.

Richard Carver let everyone know at the meeting that Mr. Edwards from Cooper's Beach left a letter and pictures from the big snow storm which purportedly shows some of his property being damaged. Richard Carver talked to Jake at JBI but he was not available to look at the pictures. Richard is going to call him to make an appointment to look at the pictures and make a recommendation. It was also noted that Mr. Edwards wants to move the trial to Bangor to get a fairer hearing.

511 Ash Point Drive - Dangerous Building. The Jadd Corporation has hired Zac Brown to tear town the trailer. The work has already been started.

South Shore Drive (Map 7, Lot 95 & 93-1) Dale Martin brought a new contract for the selectmen to sign. They made a change to the amendment.

Ash Point Drive (Map 009 Lot 007) has been listed. Dale has shown it to one person. The Owls Head Grange Association has transferred the property to the town. The deed has to be recorded.

Richard Carver said that he, Charlie Carver, Mike Gustin, Derrick Gustin, Richard (Spike) Goehry, Robert O'Hara and Jeff Labrozzi went down to the Ship to Shore Wharf on Saturday, March 16, 2013 to clean up the broken town float on the beach. Thank you for all your help. It is looking good down the wharf. The pot holes have been filled and the parking lot has been cleaned up. Everything has been pushed back to the side in the parking lot.

Linda Post is hoping to meet with the Ship to Shore Lease committee on Monday Night (March 25, 2013) to work on the Ship to Shore Lease.

6:15 pm Meeting adjourned